

## **Families Work Evaluation Overview**

- Randomization began on July 1, 2013 and will continue through December 31, 2014.
- Families randomized before January 1, 2014 will be followed for one-year post randomization; families randomized from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 will be followed for a shorter period (the length of time between their randomization date and July 1, 2015, given a 6-month delay in data updating)
- We had initially hoped this would result in roughly 300-400 families being assigned to the treatment group and approximately 175 (150-200) families taking up treatment (assuming a take-up rate of roughly 50%). To date, however, our highest monthly take-up rate has been 42%, suggesting that approximately 150 (126-168) families will actually be served.
- The evaluation will be conducted using administrative data on all families randomized into the program. The primary outcome of interest is CPS involvement (a screened-in report) in the 6-months to one-year following randomization.
- The evaluation will entail linking all treatment and control families to Multi-System Person File (MSPF) data to examine differences in a wide array of program participation during the intervention period and over approximately the year following Health Families case closure. In addition to Healthy Families program data, administrative data from CPS, W-2, SNAP/Food Shares, MA/Badgercare, child support, child care, UI, and other programs included in the MSPF will be used.
- A preliminary report will be delivered by June 30, 2015. The final report will be delivered by June 30, 2016.